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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" An annual grant of Rs. 25,600 is sanctioned to the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State. No specific condition is attached to the grant but it should be spent on the furtherance of scout movement in this State."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, is the grant to these Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements conditional on their being *ultra loyal* to the Government? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Absolutely not, Sir. They are expected to be loyal to the country."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is this grant given in addition to the grant given by local bodies? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" This is separate, Sir. This is in addition to the grant given by local bodies."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Do the Government audit the accounts of these Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The audited accounts are submitted to the Government, Sir."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that loyalty to Government is different from loyalty to the country and will they keep this difference in mind when they think of making contributions to certain organizations of this type? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I was only wanting to make it clear that there was no such condition concerning loyalty to the Government."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" Are the Government giving any concessions or preferences to these students? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Concessions of what nature, Sir? "

Road works in Anantapur district.

* 388 *Q.*—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations were made by the people of Anantapur district and by the District Board, Anantapur, for allotment of grants to the tune of at least seven lakhs of rupees for starting famine relief road works in the district in January and February 1953; and

(*b*) if so, what action was taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) An application for a grant of about Rs. 8 lakhs was received by Government from the Anantapur District Board.

" (*b*) A grant of Rs. 2,46,420 has been sanctioned to the District Board in March 1953."

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SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI :—" Relief so far provided is inadequate in view of the magnitude of the suffering of the people in the famine affected areas of Anantapur district. Will the Government increase the grants so as to give adequate relief to the famine affected areas? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Collector has been asked to report whether the distress is still continuing. On receipt of his report I think the question will be considered."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The Government seem to be considering whether there is famine or not in Anantapur district. Government themselves admitted on the floor of this House on a previous occasion answering a supplementary question that there was acute famine in Kadiri, Dharmavaram and Penukonda taluks and in certain other parts of the district also. So the sum now granted, namely, Rs. 2 lakhs is only a drop in the ocean. Will the Government therefore consider increasing this grant so that more relief works may be provided? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, I did not mean there was no famine in other areas in Anantapur district. But Government want to know whether there is distress in the area in which the works were started by the District Board to give grants to those works which were started already."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" I am sorry, Sir, the Hon. Minister has made the matter still worse by saying that the Government are not aware of famine in other areas. I want to know what exactly the Hon. Minister means."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member has misunderstood the answer."

Control and management of the waters of the big tank at Badvel, Cuddapah district.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings as the hon. Member Sri V. Chidanandam is not in his seat."

SRI V. CHIDANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether he has received my letter, dated four months back asking for information about the taking over by the Public Works Department of the control of the big tank of Badvel and water management under the same big tank in Cuddapah district from the Revenue Department?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Petitions from the hon. Member requesting that the orders of Government issued in July 1948 vesting the control of distribution in the Public Works Department should be given effect to were